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GUESS WHO'S BACK.



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Former Bearcat football coach Mel Tjeerdsma was announced as the new Northwest Director of Athletics Wednesday. The search for a new athletic director began Feb. 22, following Wren Baker's resignation.

'Coach T' returns to Bearcat country as athletic director

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Queue the Bearcat Marching Band and get the glittered signs ready because "Coach T" is back in Maryville.

Mel Tjeerdsma will not have a headset on though, after accepting the vacant Director of Athletics position at Northwest.

Faculty members and staff received an email Tuesday night regarding an "exciting development" for Northwest, and rumors swirled around social media sites about the possibility of Tjeerdsma's return to Northwest's athletics.

The University lived up to its words. The foyer of Lamkin Activity Center was buzzing with excitement. Coaches, faculty and community members chattered as University President John Jasinski stepped to the podium to make the foreseen announcement.

"It's still a shock," said Adam Dorrel, head football coach. "It's great for me personally, but it's great for our whole athletic department."

Tjeerdsma said the appeal of coming back to Northwest and being a part of the Bearcat tradition was too much for him to turn down. So instead of remaining at Austin College in Texas, where he was part of the Institutional Advancement development team leading athletics fundraising efforts, he returned.

"I think that honestly we just love this community, and we love Bearcat nation," Tjeerdsma said. "It's a different atmosphere. It's a different level and I really feel comfortable here. I can have more influence here than probably anywhere, and that's why I'm back."

Mel Tjeerdsma | ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

- Coached USA in IFAF World Cup
- 59-39-4 at Austin College
- Three TIAA championships
- Combined 183-43 at Northwest
- 12-time MIAA Coach of the Year
- Three national championships

The search for a new athletic director began on Feb. 22 after the resignation of Wren Baker. Baker left for the University of Memphis after deciding to take the role of the deputy athletic director of external affairs.

"Let's make this very clear; Wren Baker did a great job," Jasinski said following the news conference. "I keep saying he moved the dial significantly and that's very difficult to do in any job within two years. What he did in two years and the trust he engendered is unbelievable."

According to Jasinski, he called Tjeerdsma to ask about possible candidates to replace Baker as athletic director. Tjeerdsma went on to list multiple names, but Jasinski surprised him by asking him if he has ever thought about taking the position.

The search committee went through all college levels, from Division I to Division III, and interviewed three potential candidates before deciding to officially offer the job to Tjeerdsma.

"When you set the bar high, you set the bar

high," Jasinski said. "That's what Northwest does all of the time, and is there anybody better than Mel Tjeerdsma to come in and lead an athletic program?"

"As I talked with Mel Tjeerdsma it was very clear to me that he's not done, and that his teacher-mentor-guide phase of his life was not over. You could tell he was always thinking about student athletes, about coaches, about our donors and talking about the importance of our donors that he has so much to offer in all of those areas."

Although he is 66 years old, Tjeerdsma said his competitive drive and the being able to do one more thing to give back to Bearcat athletics.

"It felt like the right thing," Tjeerdsma said. "After we had some conversations and when I really started thinking about what I wanted to do...I've got too much energy left to not use it."

"I feel like as a coach, your goal is to try to make an impact on young people, so now I hope I can make an impact on young students but on coaches as well."

Although the man known around Maryville as Coach T was done coaching, he did not stray far from his former coaching staff and university.

"I said a couple of times this morning that I talk to him three or four times a week anyway," Dorrel said. "Sometimes it's about football, sometimes it's not...professional stuff, family stuff, but he is going to be good for me. I use him as a resource. We have a lot of young coaches and I think he will be good for all sports."

Jasinski said he was not worried about a

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Mel Tjeerdsma moves from the sidelines to behind the desk after accepting the Director of Athletics position Wednesday afternoon.

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For a video of the press conference announcing Tjeerdsma's return

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Regent Wyckoff resigns due to 'adversarial' issues on Board

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Though Doug Wyckoff walked off Northwest's campus and away from the University's Board of Regents, he plans on planting his feet just far enough away to keep a watchful eye.

Wyckoff is a dentist practitioner in Cameron and served on the board just short of five years.

"I'm not the kind of person who stays off in the sunset," Wyckoff said. "I guarantee you I will be watching what's happening at Northwest for a long, long time... I volunteered a lot of time, a lot of blood sweat and



DOUG WYCKOFF

tears to make the University a better place."

In the board's March 14 meeting

Wyckoff excused himself a little over halfway through, following a brief recess. This came after being the lone vote against the updated alcohol policy and the University's new legal counsel.

The Friday following the meeting Wyckoff sent a letter announcing his resignation from the board. In his letter, which can be read on The Missourian website, he said he needed to distance himself from the future direction of the board.

There was buzz in northwest Missouri, as he also raised questions that he thought needed to be asked.

"None of (what's in the letter)

was intended to be a jab in anybody's back," Wyckoff said. "I think after talking to a lot of people in the public, I think there are some of these questions, and maybe, maybe it will spur a couple of the board members to take the time to do some investigating and check things out to make sure they're making good, informed decisions."

Rather than continuing to serve on the board, challenge board members and ask the difficult questions like those outlined in his letter, Wyckoff said it was time for him to walk away.

"(The meeting) became adver-

sarial on the two to three issues that I brought up," he said. "To be quite honest, I'm not sure I have or will have the energy to sit there another five years, had I been appointed, and watch a bunch of votes go however many to one."

"Like I mentioned in the letter, environments change, and obviously, the board environment has

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To read Wyckoff's full letter

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Department prepares for test changes

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The road to a degree and secure employment could become more challenging for professional education majors across Missouri.

Officials are cracking down on improving the education system. Teacher candidates in Missouri will take a new standardized exit level test in fall 2013.

Pearson Education will create a new test for individuals wishing to receive their teaching certification. This new test will replace the College Basic Academic Subjects Examination, created by the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The Northwest education program is blind to what this test will consist of and how to prepare students.

“Until we get some direction, it’s kind of a guess on what we need to do to prepare our students,” said Cheryl Malm, assistant director of education. “I’m hoping that the curriculum we have in place prepares them for (the new test). The exam is in place to see if they’re ready to go out and teach. I think our teacher candidates are very ready to go out and teach.”

Malm said the transition period from the CBASE to the new exam could create difficulty.

“Anytime you switch gears, there’s bound to be that in-the-middle problem area,” Malm said. “But we will deal with that as a group with our students, and we will get them there. That’s what we do at Northwest. We worry about our students, and we will get them where they need to be.”

Malm said if the university cannot create the classes in time, the department will create online workshops to give teacher candidates access to the material they need to know.

In addition, Pearson will write new Praxis tests. Praxis tests are mandatory exit level tests that evaluate teacher candidates. But Malm said these changes could be a good thing.

“But it’s a good thing. Teaching is a professional degree, and it should be viewed as such. It’s not just something anyone can jump into.”

FRATERNITY, STUDENT BODY CELEBRATE LIFE OF FALLEN FRIEND



KAYLA MEPPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN

Students gathered around the Memorial Bell Tower Tuesday to celebrate the birthday of Tomarken Smith, a Northwest senior who passed away Sept. 14, 2012. Friends wrote messages to Smith and placed them inside balloons before releasing them together. Smith’s fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, organized the event.

University names VP of human resources

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Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

Northwest officials announced Friday the hiring of a new vice president of human resources, Nola Bond.

The appointment comes after the position became vacant on July 1. The search began mid-July.

Clarence Green, University Police chief, stepped in as the interim vice president immediately and is optimistic about the future of the position.

“Since stepping in, we have expanded the position tremendously,” Green said. “We have added benefits, a new mentorship program and really expanded our department.”



NOLA BOND

Green, who only expected to be in the position for four to six months, held the interim role for eight months while continuing his work with University Police.

“The toughest part was having to balance being police chief and

the interim vice president for the department,” Green said.

This is not the first time there has been a vacancy for the position. There was a need to fill the position before former Vice President Mary Throener was hired. Throener retired on July 1.

Nola Bond comes from Eaton Corporation in Shenandoah, Iowa, where she was the human resources manager for a 600-employee operation. Bond received a degree in human resources management from Bellevue University in Nebraska.

President John Jasinski and business professor Cindy Kenkel led the search to find the newest vice president.

“Nola is very process oriented, good with people and is very good with organization,” Green said. “We are excited to have her at Northwest and are positive that she is going to bring a lot to the University and human resources department.”

Bond’s duties will include employee recruitment, appraisal, retention, professional development, workforce planning and compensation and benefits. Northwest originally announced earlier this year the hiring of university alumna Carol Wisecarver but she later declined the offer to continue as a staffing manager for Novartis Consumer Health in Lincoln, Neb.

Bond is set to assume full duties and arrive on campus April 8.

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Hair It Is	Saturday, March 23	
	C-BASE 8 a.m. at Colden Hall	Baseball at Truman 2 p.m. at Kirksville, Mo.
	ACT Prep Shop 8:30 a.m. at Valk Agriculture Center	Softball at the Missouri Western Crossover 2 p.m. at St. Joseph, Mo.
	Men’s and Women’s Tennis at Midwestern State 1 p.m. at Wichita Falls, Tex.	Operation Breakthrough! J.W. Jones Student Union
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LAUREN RICHARDSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Dollar Tree will join Joy Wok and Beach Tanning in the Mary Mart shopping center. rue21, a clothing retail store, is also expected to open shop in the center. Both stores are expected to open sometime this year.

New retailers to come to shopping center

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Maryville will welcome two businesses this year to the MaryMart shopping center on Main Street.

Dollar Tree and rue21 will join Joy Wok and other businesses in the MaryMart shopping center this year. Luke Reven, executive director of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, said the city government is excited to have these businesses join Maryville's economy.

"Retail is not a zero-sum game. People make the trip to

Maryville for a selection of places, and a newer option makes it that much more appealing to make the trip into Maryville to shop," Reven said.

Dollar Tree will not be the first "dollar" store in Maryville. There are currently two Dollar General stores: one at 925 N Main and one at 1121 S Main. rue21 is a clothing store that offers a variety of apparel and accessories for men and women.

Reven said of the Chamber of Commerce, "(these businesses) make our community more appealing to shoppers."

Reven said he does not know of any more new businesses that will be joining in the MaryMart shopping center; however, he has heard rumors of more businesses coming to Maryville.

"Dollar Tree is the only business so far that [I know] has announced they are coming in. I have heard of other businesses, but it is not my job to make announcements for other businesses," Reven said. "They should make their own announcements when it is an appropriate time for them, [and] I do not want to spoil anybody's big press releases."

Local tavern expected to open in coming weeks

THOMAS DRESSLAR
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The Pub, one of Maryville's watering holes, is expected to open in the coming weeks.

After the bar collapsed due to structural damage in September 2011, Northwest students and Maryville residents have awaited its reopening.

"I hope to enjoy my first legal drink there," Junior Caleb Watson said.

Despite not having a set date yet, the owner of The Pub hopes to open

sometime at the end of March or early in April.

The bar has renewed its liquor license and passed building inspection, but the interior of the bar is not quite ready for a grand reopening.

Regardless of when it opens, many students are excited for a new late-night hang out spot in Maryville.

"It will be nice to add a new place to the mix of late-night spots in Maryville," senior Dante Jones said. "Going to the same bars every weekend can get boring."

Proposed legislation could rescue Medicaid program

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Missouri hospitals and businesses could be left with billions in new costs if Missouri lawmakers fail to pass legislation expanding Medicaid.

The nearly \$4 billion in cuts to hospitals come from the Affordable Care Act and Budget Control Act of 2011, also known as "Obamacare." The cuts to hospitals are intended to be offset through increased revenue from expanded coverage.

"Without new revenue from expanded coverage, the numbers don't add up," said Herb Kuhn, president of the Missouri Hospital Association. "That's bad news for the currently insured and bad news for Missouri's economy."

If state lawmakers fail to expand Medicaid, it could cost Missouri more than 9,000 jobs and \$1.1 billion of taxpayers' money over the next decade, according to a study released by the

Missouri Hospital Association.

"Our hands have been tied by Obamacare," said Steve Mehan, president of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. "We don't agree with many of the tenants of it, but Obamacare is law, and whether we like it or not, we have to abide by it."

Legislation that would have expanded Medicaid in Missouri has been defeated five times by the Republican-led legislature, in direct opposition to Democratic Gov. Jay Nixon. After winning re-election in 2012, Nixon traveled all over the state encouraging people to get behind Medicaid expansion.

Republican lawmakers argue the state simply cannot afford to add thousands of people to the government-funded health care program.

Health advocates, doctors and business leaders all across the state have come out in support of Medicaid expansion.

Random drug testing policy receives mixed emotions from Maryville High School students

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The addition of random drug testing in the Maryville R-II Public School District still brings about mixed emotions for students and community members.

In August 2012, Maryville students started school with a new requirement: to participate in Missouri State High School Activity Association regulated activities or park on campus, students needed to submit their name, into a pool for random drug testing. Assistant

Superintendent Steve Klotz said the process would cost between \$5,000 and \$7,000 per year.

The district reported more than 80 percent of parents supported the policy while some students balked at it for various reasons.

Maryville High School senior Jess Pfof initially protested due to the cost, and she said the testing still seems pointless.

"If anything, I dislike the testing more now because hardly anyone has failed," Pfof said. "I think most or all of those had a prescription for whatever kept them from

passing."

She jokingly pointed out the only upside to the testing.

"The only good thing I've seen come from the drug testing is a comeback for when other schools say our football team won state because they were on steroids," she said.

MHS sophomore Lindsey Cohen, a member of the MHS dance team, also believe the policy is unnecessary.

"My opinion is that it is not beneficial because they haven't caught anyone in sports or ac-

tivities doing drugs, which is what their mission initially was," Cohen said. "It is a waste of money to drug test good kids that obviously don't do drugs."

Northwest junior Lexie Nolting, though, believed the money was well spent. As an employee in Maryville, she felt good about her taxes contributing to the district budget.

"I think it's a good thing," Nolting said. "I played sports all through high school, and you always had to sign a code of conduct saying you wouldn't do drugs and

alcohol. There were so many people who were so good at their sport, but they were drinking alcohol and doing drugs. They still got to play while you were staying true to the agreement, yet you're benched."

Nolting said the policy is a good preventative measure to keep students from using drugs and alcohol.

"It's random; it's not like they're testing the entire team," she said. "If the kids know that it's going to happen, they might say no. It would be scary if I were in their shoes. I would worry it would ruin my sports career."

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OUR VIEW:

New drinking policy ensures tailgating enjoyment

The Board of Regents recently voted to change the University's alcohol policy, allowing tailgaters at football games to have alcohol. Here at the Missourian we agree with the move for practical reasons.

The new policy covers tailgating at football games, the Gaunt House and certain events hosted on campus. The move is in response to something that has already been an unofficial policy on campus. Most

people who are tailgating at football games are already drinking, and the policy is not widely enforced.

This will help ease the strain on University Police during football games by not making it a violation to drink in designated tailgating sections. This policy is a good move for campus to keep up with the football culture we have on our campus. We put a lot of emphasis on our football team and our Bearcat spirit;

it only makes sense to have a drinking policy that fits with other universities with the same atmosphere.

With the new policy, we will have an environment for alumni and students to drink and enjoy the tailgating before football games. We pride ourselves in being a school with a great football team, and now we have a policy that matches that. The policy also allows certain events, such as weddings, held on

campus to serve alcohol.

If couples want to come back to their alma mater to get married, they can request to have alcohol served on campus. Before the policy was in place, it had to be a dry wedding. Lastly, the policy affects the Gaunt House where the first family lives.

Any event at the Gaunt House can now be catered with alcohol. In the past it was against University

policy to have alcohol at the Gaunt House.

This policy makes sense for any university. Alcohol isn't as controversial of a subject for the administration to talk about and handle. This will allow for a safer, legal use of alcohol on campus. We do not think students will see a wet campus any time in the near future, but this is the most practical policy for the time.

CAMPUS TALK

How do you feel about the new drinking policy on campus?



"The alumni come back to have a beer and watch the game. The policy will make it easier and more fun for them at games."

Caitlin Nell
Freshman
Pre-professional Zoology



"I don't think it will be a problem or a rise in underage drinking. If anything they will be watching it more now since there will be more alcohol there."

John Schanuel
Senior
Elementary Education



"It puts ease on campus PD instead of having them constantly try and bust kids for drinking and supporting the home team."

Montana Jones
Freshman
Psychology



"I think it is a good idea as long as the drinking can be controlled and watched by University Police."

Raeonna Williams
Freshman
Preveterinary Science



"We are a school that focuses a lot on football and I think this will maintain that atmosphere with the tailgating."

Ryan Williams
Senior
Political Science

Civil rights intended for all Americans



CODY UHING
Opinion Editor

Public opinions change politicians' minds every day. Most stances on social issues stem from how Americans feel. Within the last month, two notable politicians, one Democrat and one Republican, came out in support of gay marriage.

Hillary Clinton released a video through a human rights group advocating for everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, to have the same basic civil liberties as their fellow citizens. Republican Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio came out in support of gay marriage after learning his son was gay.

According to the most recent Gallup poll, 58 percent of Americans are in favor of allowing same-sex marriage. It is no longer a taboo topic, but many are fighting it. The rights guaranteed by the Constitution are intended for all Americans. They should not be infringed upon just because someone's religion does not support it.

We are a nation built on many different lifestyles and religions; the founding fathers did not put a national religion in the Constitution for a reason. We are not a Jewish nation, an atheist nation, a Muslim nation nor a Christian nation. Our political system is hijacked with narrow-minded religious zealots who believe their religion is the way that everyone should live.

The rights of gays and lesbians in America should be no different than the rights of straight people. They are not destroying the institution of marriage or ruining children's lives. Politicians talk about



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U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton during her speech on human rights issues in Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, Dec 6, 2011.

same-sex marriage as if its proponents are animals rather than humans. Most forget that being gay does not alienate a person from the rest of the population. We cannot dehumanize the gay population for political reasons.

We are seeing a shift in public opinion on many social issues, and it will not go unnoticed in Washington. We need to realize that Americans are Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation. We will look back at these years and

regret the decisions we made as a society.

The civil rights marches in the 1950s and 1960s show us that things can change for the oppressed. It is time to stop forcing a single religious idea on an entire society. Civil rights are for everyone, not just for those we deem worthy. To deny the opportunity to our future generation to get married solely on the basis of who they are and who they love is to deny them the chance to live up to their true potential.

Internet privacy proves elusive for most



CODY UHING
Opinion Editor

Almost everyone has a Facebook account, uses Google for searches or uses a smart phone for searching the web. We do all these things without a thought each day, but we are being watched.

Our data from search results and Facebook profiles are being pulled together by companies all over the world and used for target advertising and spam emails. We are thoughtlessly adding to company databases because everything we do online produces personal data as a natural by-product.

Facebook combines your online

behavior with purchasing habits offline. Location data from phones and closed-circuit TVs are always tracking our movements. The sad truth is we are being watched, all the time, and all that data about us is being stored forever. It is equivalent of a surveillance state, more Orwellian than even George Orwell could predict.

There is little we can do to fix this ubiquitous surveillance. We can stop searching Google on our iPhones and instead use computer web browsers that can delete cookies. We can use aliases on Facebook, turn off cell phones and start paying in cash. None of it matters.

We can try, but as consumers, we have no influence. Companies that provide Internet services want to track us. We can visit any website, and the company behind that site will know who we are. Maintaining privacy on the Internet is almost impos-

sible. One wrong click or search will put your name on a list.

In today's world, the government and many corporations are working together to keep the status quo. The government is keen on collecting data to spy on us. Corporations are happy enough to buy the data from the government. In effect, the powerful are spying on the powerless.

We live in a time when our lives are open books. Google knows what you look up at 2 a.m. when you are alone and probably knows more about you than your family does. Your phone in your pocket knows where you are every second of the day. Your texting, e-mail, and social media conversations will never be private.

Welcome to an age where everything is done on computers, and if it isn't yet done on computers, it will be soon.

Minute with Mike:

House keeps up on statewide problems

MIKE THOMSON

1st District State Representative



MIKE THOMSON

As we move past the halfway point, the Missouri General Assembly will take a week off from the legislative hustle and bustle to prepare for those final weeks of session where the budget for 2014 will be finalized and many important issues will be decided. I enjoy the break that allows me to spend some time in the district where I can visit with constituents and listen to their thoughts and concerns.

A tax credit bill, which was the first Senate bill to be approved in the House this year, is now just one more vote in the Senate from becoming law. This bill, which was similar to one we passed out of the House earlier, would reinstate several tax credit programs that encourage donations to charitable organizations. Commonly referred to as benevolent tax credits, these programs offer a tax break to individuals who donate money to organizations like food pantries, child advocacy centers and pregnancy resource centers. The total cost to our state will be approximately \$2.9 million each year in foregone tax revenue, but the benefit this investment will produce for countless Missourians will be priceless.

I have had occasion to watch and be involved with some of these organizations locally, and the impact that they have on our communities is tremendous. The countless hours of the selfless people who volunteer their time to help others need to be appreciated, and the state of Missouri should also do its part.

The House also approved legislation last week that would change how most counties calculate the minimum wage required for public construction projects. The prevailing wage for a given trade is based on voluntary surveys collected and submitted by contractors on a project. The problem we have seen with prevailing wage is that the wage is artificially high compared to local wages in some areas. This leads to more of your tax dollars being spent on public construction. The cost can run 20 to 30

percent higher and may cause projects to be delayed or rejected. The legislation passed would replace those reported wage figures with an average weekly statewide wage compiled by the state labor department. The new method of calculation should make construction projects more affordable and give taxpayers a much better value for their tax dollar.

Prevailing wage issues are obviously controversial but have been a concern in small, third world counties for years. When our community combines with other counties in Northwest Missouri and comes to the capitol each year with a list of priorities and concerns, this issue seems to always be mentioned.

The House also approved legislation last week that would protect the rights and freedoms of Missouri workers. The bill would prevent unions from using the dues and fees paid by their members for political purposes without permission. Commonly referred to as "paycheck protection" legislation, the bill simply gives workers more control over how their money is spent and makes unions more accountable to their members. This bill, also controversial for some, does not prohibit unions from being politically active. It simply gives their workers the right to choose if they want to participate.

If you have questions, you may reach me at my Capitol number 573-751-9465, at the local district number, 660-582-4014, by email at mike.thomson@house.mo.gov or by mail at Room 401B State Capitol Building, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101.

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changed, and you can get a feel for how decisions are going to go on the board, and I just don't have the energy for it."

Wyckoff had issues with decisions being made on the board that reversed or undermined decisions the board made in the past.

One example of such a decision was the hiring of the law firm HuschBlackwell to serve as legal council despite what he raised as a conflict of interest.

A lawyer at the firm filed suit against the University and members of the board some four years ago.

"Had I not been on the board, there wouldn't have been one person on the board that probably would have brought it up," Wyckoff said. "Part of the world is not reinventing the wheel. If you know how the board has acted in the past, it can help influence decisions in the future."

In his letter, Wyckoff said relationships within the board had become combative, and he related that to another reason for his resignation. Despite what terms he may have left on, University President John Jasinski, who sits on the board as a nonvoting member, had nothing negative to say of Wyckoff's time at Northwest.

"I thank Dr. Wyckoff for his service, and I sent him a letter to that effect," Jasinski said. "This is a volunteer effort, and anyone who takes on that role understands what goes into it, and we appreciate his service."

Wyckoff's resignation comes after his term had expired Jan. 1. He re-applied; however, he resigned before hearing from the governor's office.

"You always want to leave things in a better place than when you started and I hope I was able to be a part of that," Wyckoff said.

University makes alcohol policy more fluid

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The University is not exactly becoming a weekend at The Palms, but a new alcohol policy has the campus and community chattering.

Following a Board of Regents' decision March 14, Northwest will allow alcohol in designated tailgating parking lots, the suites at Bearcat Stadium, the Gaunt House and for certain events held at the University, such as weddings.

TJEERDSMA

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man whose main focus was on the gridiron being in charge of the athletic department.

"Being a football coach, you don't just stay in football," Jasinski said. "You're always talking about basketball coaches, soccer coaches and when you watched him while he was here as a football coach, he would go out and talk soccer with Coach Hoza and go out and talk basketball with Coach Stienmeyer and Coach Mc-

"We're trying to be fluid and truthful to ourselves as an institution," said Clarence Green, chief of University police. "We have moved toward more of a responsibility approach around alcohol.

"In order to do that, we thought it'd be best to adjust our policy, which also aligns us with most of the schools in Missouri."

The new policy does not turn Northwest into a wet campus. Alcohol is still prohibited in residence halls and will not be sold by the Uni-

Collum and so on."

The concept of a new indoor athletic facility has been a hot-button topic around the athletic department, and according to Dorrel is going to be something they have to consider as a goal.

"I think he is really good at setting goals, but setting realistic goals," Dorrel said. "A kind of a buzz word that he used with us was, do you want it or do you need it. And there's a big difference there in coaching. I think he is going to get with coaches and just set realistic goals on do you need that for your program or do you want it.

versity. President John Jasinski said the University now considers itself a "dry campus with some exceptions."

"We've got some exceptions, and they're very restrictive—three parking lots, home football games only, period," Jasinski said. "The suites in the stadium for those home games, the Gaunt House for social functions that are University based and other functions on campus that are approved by the president's office or his or her designee.

"That's pretty restrictive, so no,

"He eluded to it about fundraising for facilities and that's going to be a big part of his job. I think that's very crucial and just not to football, but you start talking about moving forward with facilities on how many of them are outdoor programs can use it: football, track, softball, baseball, tennis. We got to do something about tennis. Tennis needs to be able to practice somewhere other than the half court."

Tjeerdsma's accolades as a football coach are legendary, and he plans to bring the same intensity and mentality as a coach to his new position.


"My style of leadership as a

we're not changing the policy much at all."

Green said that they have not had any incidents with students in tailgating areas in the past despite the fact that drinking has occurred, and he credits their established relationships with students.

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coach has always been to let coaches coach," Tjeerdsma said. "That's what I think is important here; let our coaches coach here and let me do everything I can to support them and give them every opportunity to be the best they can be."

If Tjeerdsma brings his success from the football field to the entire athletic department, Janinski thinks they will be in great hands.

"All I would say is Mel is all-in," Janinski said. "So that comment he made when he said 'I'm going to treat this as I did the head football coaching job.. That's good enough for me."



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Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Mar. 3
An accident occurred between Kimberly A. Morock, Parkville, and an unknown driver at the 500 block of West Ninth Street.

Mar. 10
There is an ongoing investigation stolen motor vehicle at the 300 block of West Thompson Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of robbery at the 900 block of North Main Street.

Mar. 12
Kelly L. Wilcox, 50, Barnard, was charged with failure to maintain financial responsibility and lacking proof of insurance at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Christopher W. Phillips, 32, Maryville,

was charged with a city code violation at the 300 block of West Second Street.

An accident occurred between Shae D. Schluter, 17, Maryville, and Lisa J. Crater, 44, Pickering, at the intersection of North Buchanan and West Second streets. Schluter was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Mar. 13
Craig J. Dietz, Omaha, Neb., was charged with being wanted on a warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of a stolen animal at the 500 bock of West Fifth Street.

Mar. 14
Tabitha L. Auffert, 20, Maryville, was

charged with trespassing at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Michael C. Harris, 24, Maryville, was charged with possession of marijuana at the 1500 block of North Main Street.

Rodney D. Harris, 22, Maryville, was charged with equipment violation and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 1500 block of North Main Street.

An accident occurred between Timothy H. Reid, Jr., 16, Maryville, and Linda M. Gallagher, 52, Maitland, at the 1200 block of South Main Street. Reid was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Mar. 15
There is an ongoing investigation

of larceny at the 500 block of North Fillmore Street.

Mar. 16
Preston M. Paquette, 23, Maryville, was charged with driving while intoxicated, excessive acceleration and failure to maintain the right half of the roadway at the 400 block of North Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at Donaldson Westside Park.

Luke H. Huebert, 20, honey Creek, Iowa, was charged with disorderly conduct and minor in possession at the 400 block of West Edwards Street.

Mar. 18
Drew A. Schuter, 22, Maryville, was charged with driving while

intoxicated, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at the 200 block of East Edwards Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at the 1000 block of East First Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of a stolen scooter at the 600 block of North Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at the 1000 block of North Dewey Street.

Mar. 19
There is an ongoing investigation of assault at the 400 block of North Buchanan Street.

Blotter from the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department

Feb. 14
A Maryville subject reported his vehicle was broken into and items were stolen from it.

Feb. 23
Clayton J. Judd, 19, Ravenwood, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Judd was released on summons after being held for the mandatory detox.

Feb. 24
Skylar Gray, 18, Hopkins, was arrested for peace disturbance, being visibly intoxicated as a minor, and resisting arrest.

Cory Drummond, 19, Hopkins, was arrested for peace disturbance.

Marcus Simbro, 17, was arrested for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana.

Jamie Partridge, 17, Maryville, was arrested for being visibly intoxicated as a minor.

Feb. 27
Scott E. Putnam, 31, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for three counts of misdemeanor non-support.

Feb. 28
Alan C. Gardner, 45, Clarinda, Iowa, was arrested on two Nodaway County warrants: one for distribution/delivery of a controlled substance in or near a park and theft/attempted theft of anhydrous ammonia or liquid nitrogen; the other for stealing a motor vehicle.

Jacob M. Yates, 22, Council Bluffs, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for property damage.

Nicholas S. Bateman, 23, Liberty, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear/domestic assault.

Mar. 1
Tylor J. Linkenhoker, 19, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for forgery.

Shawn A. Tobin, 21, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for probation violation/littering.

Mar. 2
Theresa A. Keever, 34, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for driving while intoxicated, attempted assault of a law enforcement officer by means other than a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument, and resisting arrest.

Carla J. Hines, 49, Barnard, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Hines was released on a summons after being held for a mandatory detox.

Mar. 5
Katrina A Dolin, 50, Clearmont, was arrested for domestic assault and endangering the welfare of a child.

Matthew T. Messer, 23, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for felony possession of a controlled substance.

A Burlington Junction subject reported their mailbox was damaged at their residence.

Mar. 6
Jessica I. Mendez, 19, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear/peace disturbance.

Mar. 12
A Ravenwood subject reported a theft of items from his residence.

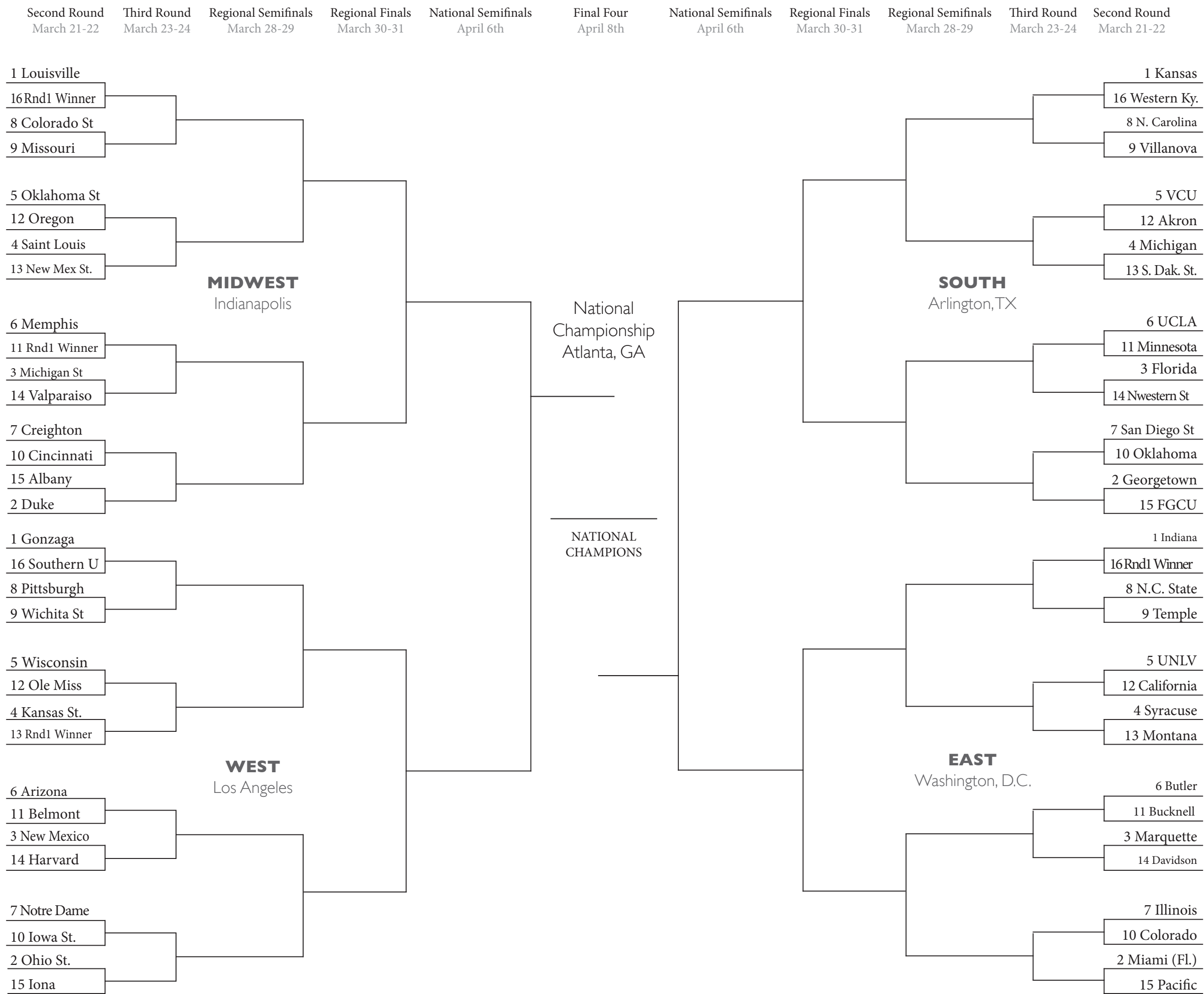
Mar. 13
Eric K. Maupin, 51, Skidmore, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for two counts of first degree assault/ attempted assault of a law enforcement officer, unlawful possession of a firearm, three counts of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree, and resisting arrest.

Sharla D. Goff, 41, Burlington Junction, was arrested for intentionally inhaling solvent fumes and negligent burning.

Jonathan E. Carter, 31, Kansas City, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance.

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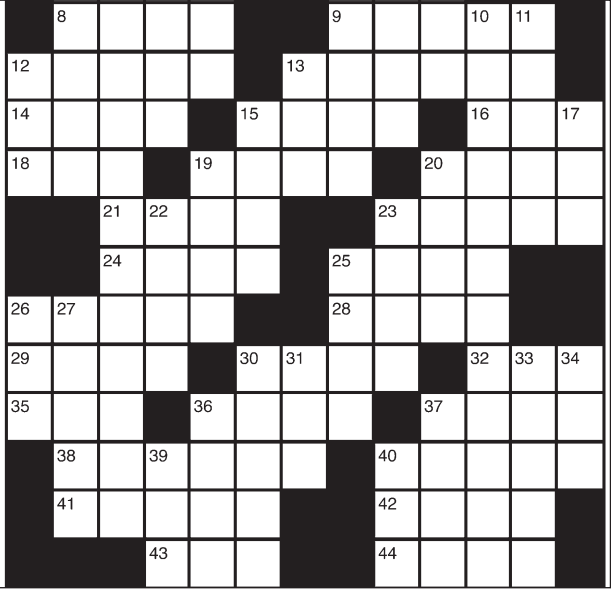
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- 8 Ride and fall of the oceans
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- 12 ___ fours; delicate pastries
- 13 Large spotted cat
- 14 "The Amazing ___"
- 15 Voight and Cryer
- 16 "___ This Morning"
- 18 Hemingway's monogram
- 19 Cello player ___ Ma
- 20 "The Buckeye State"
- 21 Veal or venison
- 23 Worries
- 24 Ripken and his dad
- 25 "Let's Make a ___"
- 26 "The Treasure of the Sierra ___"; Humphrey Bogart movie
- 28 Woody Guthrie's son
- 29 Arden and Plumb
- 30 Florek of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"
- 32 Reiner or Lowe
- 35 Foot digit
- 36 "Baby ___"; movie for Tina Fey and Sigourney Weaver
- 37 Late-night host
- 38 "___ Douce"; film for Shirley MacLaine
- 40 Wilma Flintstone's neighbor
- 41 Thickheaded
- 42 "___ bigger and better things!"
- 43 Words of mild surprise

- 44 "Step by ___"; sitcom for Patrick Duffy and Suzanne Somers

DOWN

- 1 "The ___"; adventure series for George Peppard
- 2 Josh Lucas' role on "The Firm"
- 3 Singer and actress Adams
- 4 Butterfly catcher's need
- 5 "A Bell for ___"; Gene Tierney film
- 6 Carpets
- 7 World's second-largest bird
- 10 "The ___"; reality series hosted by Chris Harrison
- 11 Planet's path
- 12 Prefix meaning "before"
- 13 "The ___ Behar Show"
- 15 ___ down; makes a note of
- 17 Pot scrubber's pad
- 19 George W. Bush's alma mater
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- 33 "___ of Old Smoky"
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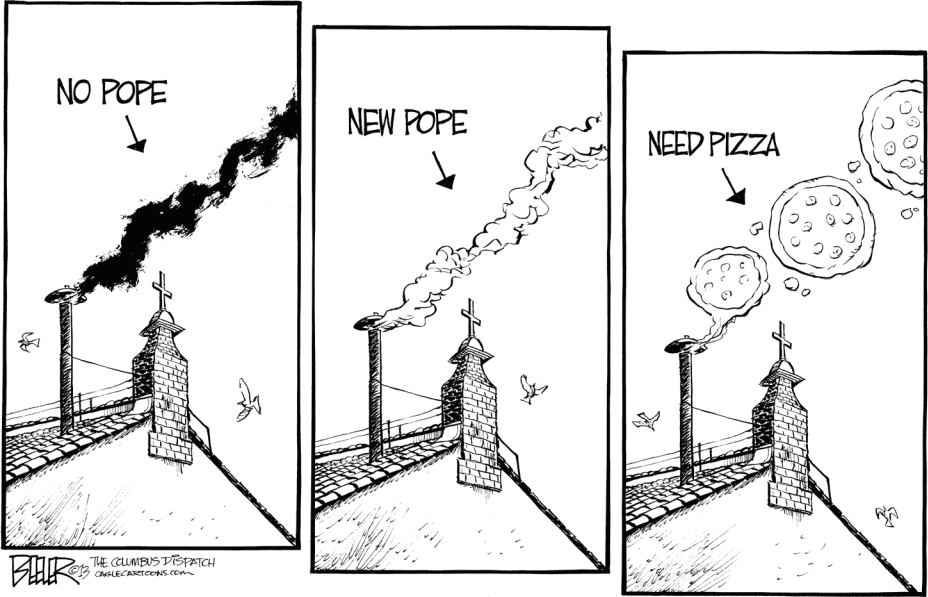
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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (03/21/13). Communications flow vigorously until summer, with social and business opportunities. Apply that energy to improving your home after that, and invite others to share the benefits. Family holds your focus this year, including financial aspects like insurance, joint resources or an inheritance. Together you get further.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- For the next four weeks, pay close attention to opportunities to achieve old objectives. Discipline is absolutely required, and the results are satisfying. Follow your heart, and play by the rules.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Allow yourself more quiet time this month. Finish old jobs, and organize something. Completing a project takes less energy than constantly ignoring it. Solitude inspires you; bring along a sketchbook.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Take advantage of your newly gained popularity to grow teamwork. You're getting hotter and you're lucky in love. Act responsibly.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Nothing can stop you when you're on fire. You can get farther than you ever thought possible, now and all month. Consider new career choices and options. Stay true, and keep your word.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Make sure you know what you want. Don't rush a decision. Cut down on unproductive activities, unless they're about resting. There's no need to spend to impress others. Think it over, and choose.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- For the next month, you're especially great at managing money efficiently. Share advice. Friends are there for you. Decrease activities that could cause emotional stress. Communications flow with ease; launch when ready.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Partnerships grow stronger in the days ahead. Tie up any loose ends, and review the process for maximum efficiency. Work

carefully, or learn something the hard way. But you'll learn.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- There's more work coming in this month, and the pace is heating up. Travel and education tempt for the next few days, but keep focus on work priorities. Philosophical conversations after hours could get very interesting.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Your energy level and attractiveness are high this month. You're lucky in love, and relationships flourish. Play and get creative; it's when you're having fun that the genius ideas arise. Savor some cultural entertainment from respected artists.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Give home and family more attention. Domestic chores take precedence, and your time makes a difference. Strengthen partnerships with conversation, ambiance and shared deliciousness. Build something cool together.

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Timberlake returns with perfect vision

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Justin Timberlake has come out of retirement with class and in a pure pop-genius form.

“The 20/20 Experience” serves as his first musical release in six years. And pop music needed it. Since the genre has been taken over by “American Idol” winners and dozens of female singers trying to one-up Lady Gaga, it’s been in a dry spell.

There has been a lot of hype surrounding this album, but for the most part it has been subtle. A single released here, a new video for the single there. Jimmy Fallon had him on his show for a whole week where he was promoting the album pretty heavily and performing various songs off it.

But the hype doesn’t overshadow anything. The album is nearly flawless.

The musicality of “The 20/20 Experience” is top-notch for a pop record. With the use of sampling, big bands “Suit & Tie,” and even some tribal, almost jungle sounding drums “Let the Groove Get In,” the record has all kinds of dimensions that surprise the listener. Timberlake, along with producer Timbaland, entwine the principles of R&B, soul and pop all into one style.

Every song, in its own unique way, is about love and music. “Pusher Love

Girl” shows Timberlake in a high from being in love. “Cause now you got me hopped up on that Pusher Love,” Timberlake sings. “You’re my drug.”

“Spaceship Coupe” tells of Timberlake wanting to take an intergalactic date in a ship made for two. “Everybody’s looking for the flyest thing to say/ But I just wanna fly away with you,” he sings. And on “Mirrors,” Timberlake claims to have found his second half.

The album is an 80-minute dance that speeds up and slows down progressively. Only one track breaks under five minutes, and a few peak just after eight.

Standout tracks of the album are “Let the Groove Get In,” “Don’t Hold the Wall” and “Suit & Tie,” which all keep the listener asking for more.

Timberlake raises the bar with this effort, challenging listeners to step outside what they know about pop and forget about it. “Are you comfortable, right there, right there? Let the groove get in, there there, right there.”



Rating: 5/5
Album: The 20/20 Experience
Artist: Justin Timberlake
Release Date: 3/19/13

JT Facts:

- Timberlake’s last album, “FutureSex/LoveSounds” came out in September 2006.
- Jimmy Fallon had Timberlake on his talk show for a whole week, where he performed various songs from his new album, in what Fallon called “Timberweek.” They also did various collaborations for what they called “The History of Rap.”
- Timberlake also hosted and performed as the musical guest on “Saturday Night Live,” which was his fifth time, making him an honorary member of the Five-Timers Club. Various other special guests appeared, including Alec Baldwin, Dan Aykroyd, Martin Short and Chevy Chase.
- Timberlake and Jay-Z are also embarking on a national stadium tour in the summer, called Legends of Summer tour. Frank Ocean and Kendrick Lamar are also scheduled to appear on the tour.
- ?uestlove, drummer for The Roots, Fallon’s live band for his show, announced that there maybe a second half of “The 20/20 Experience” coming in November to make it a two-part album.



Billboard Hot 100 Songs

- 1. Baauer – “Harlem Shake”
- 2. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis – “Thrift Shop”
- 3. Bruno Mars – “When I Was Your Man”
- 4. Rihanna feat. Mikky Ekko – “Stay”
- 5. Justin Timberlake feat. Jay-Z – “Suit & Tie”

Billboard Top 200

- 1. Luke Bryan – “Spring Break...Here To Party”
- 2. Jimi Hendrix – “People, Hell And Angels”
- 3. Bruno Mars – “Unorthodox Jukebox”
- 4. Mumford & Sons – “Babel”
- 5. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis – “The Heist”

In Theaters This Week:

“Olympus Has Fallen”
(Action/Thriller)
Director: Antoine Fuqua
Starring: Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart, Morgan Freeman

“The Croods”
(Animation)
Director: Kirk De Micco, Chris Sanders
Starring: Nicolas Cage, Ryan Reynolds, Emma Stone

“Admission”
(Comedy)
Director: Paul Weitz
Starring: Tina Fey, Paul Rudd, Nat Wolff

WHAT’S HOT

March Madness

The tournament is about to start, and everyone’s getting excited about filling out brackets. Who’s going to win it all?

Equality House

A man bought a house in front of the Westboro Baptist Church, painted it the colors of the Pride Flag, and called it the Equality House.

Lil Wayne

After suffering a series of seizures and in the ICU for over a week, the rapper was released from the hospital on Monday.

WHAT’S NOT

Elephant Killings

Eighty-six elephants were killed in Chad after poachers massacred an endangered herd.

Jason Molina

The indie rock star died of organ failure due to alcohol consumption at age 39 this week.

Mr. Goodcents

The sandwich shop in Maryville is apparently closing its doors.

‘Bates Motel’ provides viewers with vintage chill

IAN ECHLIN
Features Reporter | @ECH816

The series premiere of “Bates Motel” gives viewers an idea of the traumatizing events that turned Norman Bates into the chilling character in Alfred Hitchcock’s “Psycho.”

A&E’s newest show is a prequel to Hitchcock’s black and white thriller from 1960.

It seems like the show takes place in a modern day version of the ‘60s. Characters dress like it’s the ‘60s, and drive vintage cars, but everyone has a cell phone.

Norman Bates, played by Freddie Highmore (“Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”), appears as a socially awkward high school student who is new to town.

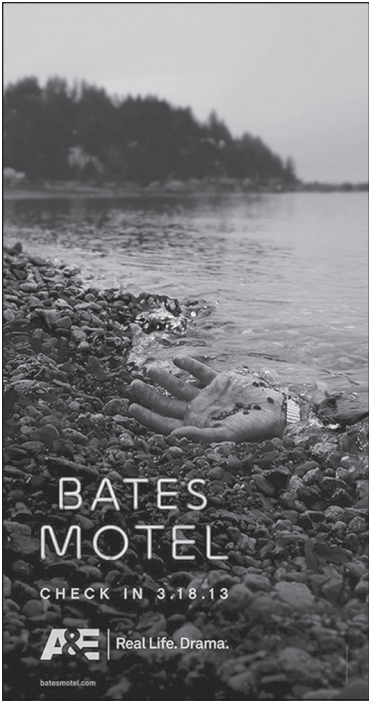
Norman and his mother Norma, played by Vera Farmiga (“Orphan”), buy the motel and the house next door to start over after finding Norman’s father dead in their home.

The premiere harnesses the same type of suspense as the original Hitchcock movie. The first death of the series leads to multiple “Psycho” references. The guy was stabbed in similar style as the famous shower scene, and then stored in a similar shower.

Even though Norman is socially awkward, he quickly makes friends with an attractive girl at his school. She must be attracted to nerds.

His mother, Norma, comes off as controlling. Their relationship seems a little too friendly, and Norma is always able to persuade Norman to do what she wants.

The motel and the house next door were previously owned by a local family. The previous owners act bitter toward the Bates, which could cause some problems in the



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future.

Previews to the rest of the season foretell an intense plot.

Catch new episodes of “Bates Motel,” Monday’s at 9 p.m. on A&E.



Show: Bates Motel
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We should have taken more selfies together (speaking of selfies, could you delete the ones I sent you?) Sure, certain things will bring back memories of you: stomach flu, hot sweats, a slight rash. But those are only memories. I know that because of all the preservatives, you’ll be with me for the rest of my life and beyond. I should have freeze-dried a small Mongolian and requested to be buried with it so when my body, mummified by the preservatives and sodium, is haunting Dieterich bros in the next life, I can still enjoy WOK.

Someday this pain will pass like the contents of my stomach about 40 minutes after I eat WOK. I may have to drown my sorrows with the bottle – the bottle of soy sauce. I’ll join the Farmer Joes at a townie bar, throwing down shots (of teriyaki sauce) until I’m straight bonked. In the back-ground, an inbred Tim McGraw wannabe will sing about a dog that ran away.

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BEARCATS SWEEP AT HOME BY MISSOURI WESTERN



HANNAH JURGENSEN | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior pitcher Jenna Creger delivers a pitch against Missouri Western Tuesday in a 2-1 extra inning loss. The Bearcats also dropped game two by the final score of 6-4.

Sports Note:
Northwest softball hits 2-game slide against Missouri Western

On Tuesday, in the first games played at Bearcat Field all spring, Missouri Western swept Northwest in two tight contests.

In game one, each team could muster just one run through the regulation seven innings, forcing extras.

However, the Griffons scored the eventual winning run in the top of the eighth, which the Bearcats were unable to match in the bottom of the frame, falling 2-1.

Senior pitcher Jenna Creger went all eight innings for Northwest, allowing two runs (one earned) on seven hits. Creger struck out seven Griffons, but also walked seven.

Game two opened with two and a half scoreless innings before Bearcat senior outfielder Candace Miller tripled in a run, followed by a sac fly from senior second baseman Hailee Hendricks to grab a 2-0 lead.

Sophomore pitcher Abbie Vitosh took the hill in the second game and shut down the Western offense by scattering hits until the top of the fifth when she gave up a game-tying, two-run homerun over the center field wall. Another dinger later in the inning handed the Griffons a 3-2 advantage.

Vitosh gave up four runs on five hits, striking out five and walking two through 5.1 innings.

Northwest tied the game in the sixth on an RBI single from junior shortstop Stephanie Price which scored Miller, but another Griffon two-run inning in the sixth proved too much for the Bearcats.

Each team would tack on another run, but Western eventually nabbed a 6-4 victory and a MIAA road sweep.

Northwest will return to the field Friday through Sunday for the Missouri Western Crossover. The Bearcats are scheduled for back-to-back games against Minnesota State Mankato at 10 a.m. and noon Friday to open the weekend.

WESTERN

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and just keep elevating our level play,” McLaughlin said. “So it’s an important tournament for a lot of reasons and aspects. I’m pretty excited and anxious to get on with it and to kind of put the other (tournament) behind us.”

The short game has been a point of emphasis this spring after being forced to practice indoors during the winter.

The team has been working on chipping and putting frequently as it adjusts to playing outside again, D’Angela said.


“That would be something you

lose touch of the most, because obviously you practice your swing inside as much as you can,” D’Angela said. “You lose your feel of the green and how you’re going to chip and where you’re going to pick your spots to aim and how it’s going to roll on the green. Where we’re going to put and where we’re going to line, you obviously lose your feel being inside.

“How we get back on key with our chipping and putting will be a determinant on how well we play.”

McLaughlin said his golfers have been impressive with the driver.

“The girls, for the most part, off the tee, they are really good,” McLaughlin said. “Once we get out there and are able to put our whole game together, I’m confident we can do some damage.”



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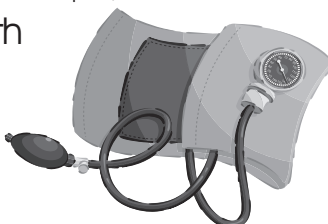
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NW BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		Overall	MIAA
Missouri Western.....	17-3	12-0	
Central Mo.....	15-2	12-1	
Central Oklahoma.....	16-6	12-6	
Pitt. State.....	11-6	8-5	
Nebraska-Kearney.....	9-9	9-7	
Lindenwood.....	8-11	8-7	
Northeastern St.....	11-10	11-10	
Fort Hays.....	11-9	8-8	
Emporia St.....	10-12	8-9	
Southwest Baptist.....	7-12	7-8	
Mo. Southern.....	10-10	6-8	
Truman.....	5-14	5-13	
Washburn.....	4-11	4-11	
NORTHWEST.....	6-16	4-13	
Lincoln.....	2-13	2-10	

March 23:
NORTHWEST at Truman
Pitt. State at Fort Hays

March 26:
Northeastern St. at Mo. Southern
Pitt. State at Central Oklahoma
NORTHWEST at Mo. Western

MHS BASEBALL

MEC STANDINGS		Overall	MEC
Savannah.....	2-0	0-0	
Benton.....	1-0	0-0	
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0	
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0	
Bishop LeBlond.....	0-0	0-0	
Benton.....	0-0	0-0	
Chillicothe.....	0-0	0-0	
MARYVILLE.....	0-1	0-0	

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		Overall	MIAA
Fort Hays.....	21-3	4-0	
Central Oklahoma.....	17-5	3-1	
Mo. Western.....	16-8	4-2	
Central Mo.....	14-8	4-2	
NORTHWEST.....	13-7	3-3	
Pitt. State.....	13-7	2-2	
Emporia St.....	12-7	2-2	
Mo. Southern.....	15-11	2-2	
Lindenwood.....	9-11	2-2	
Truman.....	13-5	1-1	
Lincoln.....	7-4-1	1-1	
Washburn.....	6-14	2-4	
Northeastern St.....	9-15	1-3	
Nebraska-Kearney.....	5-13	1-3	
Southwest Baptist.....	4-18	0-4	

March 23:
Mo. Southern at Lindenwood
Concordia at Lincoln

March 26:
Central Oklahoma at Midwestern St.
U. at Illinois Springfield at Lindenwood

MHS GIRLS’ SOCCER

MEC STANDINGS		Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	2-0	1-0	
Smithville.....	0-0	0-0	
Bishop LeBlond.....	0-0	0-0	
Lafayette.....	0-0	0-0	
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0	
Savannah.....	0-0	0-0	
Chillicothe.....	0-0	0-0	
Cameron.....	0-0	0-0	



Freshman midfielder Mollie Holtman chips the ball away from a Cameron defender during a 10-0 Maryville win Tuesday.

Girls dominate season opener

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The high-powered offense of the Maryville girls' soccer team got off to a hot start this week in the Spoofhounds' first two games of the season. Maryville kicked off the season Monday night with a 7-3 victory over Kansas City Lutheran, then followed it up with a 10-0 spread over conference foe Cameron in the home opener Tuesday night.

Head coach Bayo Oludaja said it is exactly how he wanted his team to start the 2013 campaign.

"This is what I want them to continue to build on," Oludaja said. "...I want to see this display of talent and

skills and the combination of effort and the team spirit. I know there are bigger challenges ahead, but if we start out this way and continue to build, we can get better and be ready for those bigger challenges."

Oludaja said he is happy with the way his forwards played in the opening contests.

"They move well and they pass well," Oludaja said. "I told them I wanted to see more of this, these good passes. Obviously, there wasn't much pressure on us in terms of the other team, but it was an opportunity for us, in that case, to make some of those good passes."

Senior forward Alyssa Stiens

scored three goals Tuesday, which was matched by freshman midfielder Mollie Holtman's hat trick.

Oludaja said Holtman's play through her first two high school games has been "beautiful."

"Very, very delightful to see," Oludaja said. "With her speed and then her skills ... It's beautiful to see. It truly is. Then to think she'll be here for three more years ... That's good to know."

Sophomore forward Ashton Reuter also put three balls in the back of the net for the Spoofhounds.

Maryville will be back on the pitch at 6 p.m. Tuesday to take on Lafayette at home.

Baseball drops first game under Houchin

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The Matt Houchin Era as the Spoofhound's head coach came with its ups and downs as they dropped their first game of the season against Savannah.

The 'Hounds' bats made noise early, scoring two runs in first inning off contact from senior outfielders Tyler Tripp and Shane Owens.

Savannah tied it up after a double in the third inning and tacked on another run in the fourth to go up one.

Senior pitcher Jonathan Baker kept Savannah at bay on the mound, allowing just three runs in his 4 2/3 innings of work.

"I thought I did well," Baker said. "There were a lot of batters that I let go, and Coach talked about that...maybe throw a curveball when I kept with the fastball and keep going at them. You never want to walk guys, and that's my goal, to never put a walk on the board."



C. SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior pitcher Jonathan Baker delivers a pitch Tuesday against Savannah. Baker gave up three runs in his season debut.

Savannah added two runs in the top of the sixth inning to go up 6-3 going into the final inning.

"They've got some good hitters," Houchin said. "They are free-swingers. They are gonna go out there and attack the baseball. Guys like that, that put the ball into play all the time, good things are going to happen to them."

Baker drove in an RBI after reaching base on an error in the seventh, but it was not enough, as Maryville lost 6-4.

"I think the guys hung in there," Houchin said. "They worked real hard and minimized innings. There was some opportunities where they had some guys on base, and we were able to get out of some jams. We got some guys on base and didn't get them around and in."

"We did real well. Just ran out of gas at the end there and couldn't find the strike zone. It's gonna happen."

Baker finished 1-for-4 with a run scored and two RBIs, and Tripp went 1-for-2 from the plate to score a run and drive in one.

With just three days of practicing outside prior to their first game, the 'Hounds knew they were going to have struggles in their first outing.

"(We need to work on) live pitching," Baker said. "We tried to in the cage and a little bit out (on

the field), but that game-feel setting, which we don't got a lot of yet. Even in practice, we do a lot of situational with live pitching. Once we get that going, it will be a lot easier in the game to transition."

Savannah moved to 2-0 on the season after finishing its 2012 campaign in the Class 3 state semifinals.

"It's a tough one to lose, but it's a good start," Baker said. "The opener with Savannah is always tough. They are a great team. Their postseason success has shown the last few years, and we knew that going in. So what coach was talking to us about was not giving up and to keep playing and see where we are at after this first day. I'm definitely pleased with not quitting. We showed a lot of fight in the later innings, so that was good."

The Spoofhounds will take on Benton at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Benton High School.

Like Savannah, Houchin expects a tough performance from the always competitive Cardinals, who lost 12 seniors.

"You kind of want to think that Benton is Benton," Houchin said. "They've always been towards the top of our conference, but yeah, they have to replace some guys. They lost to LeBlond (Monday night), so they are struggling a little bit. But they are still Benton, and we have to go down there and play, and that's been tough for us the last few years. We have to put a good game together."

Tennis returns 4 varsity players for 2013

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The Maryville high school boys tennis team has high hopes to continue the success it saw a season ago. Last season, the Spoofhounds grabbed the District 16 championship in a 5-3 win over Lafayette.

Although they lost to Lafayette County in sectionals to end their season, graduates Eric Bostwick and Tyler Walter, two of the team's top players, will be missing this year.

"They'll be a huge loss for our team," head coach Hannah Erspamer said. "We've been district champi-

ons for the three years I've been here, since Walter and Bostwick had been on the team. So losing them is going to be a huge blow to the team, but I think we still have the potential to repeat as district champions, especially after seeing the improvements that the team has made in the offseason."

The four returning varsity players include juniors Ian Nacali, Ben Goecken, Chris Dougan and senior Boston Schneider.

Juniors Michael Filips and Tate Mattson round out the roster.

With most of the team intact, Erspamer said the team has had to fight

winter conditions in preparing for their first match.

"We've only been on the court four or five times because of the weather, but just in that time, I've already seen mass improvements," Erspamer said.

"Once we get out on the courts, we can just kinda feel everyone out and see where to place them, seeing, especially with our doubles, who feels comfortable at the net and who's better at playing back."

The season begins at 4:30 p.m. Thursday when Maryville faces rival Savannah on the road.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

SPOOFHOUNDS



Steven Garber

Steph Charteris

Jonathan Baker

Mollie Holtman



Sophomore first baseman Steven Garber went a combined 3-for-6 with a homerun at the dish Tuesday in two losses to Missouri Western. He scored four of the team's six total runs.

Junior Steph Charteris led the Northwest women's golf team to a second place finish at the Early Bird Invitational in Branson. She shot a 77 on the second day.

Senior pitcher Jonathan Baker dealt 4 2/3 innings and gave up just three runs in a 6-4 loss to Savannah Tuesday. Baker also went 1-for-4 at the plate.

Freshman Mollie Holtman made her high school debut this week in games Monday and Tuesday. Holtman put away three goals in Tuesday's 10-0 win over Cameron.

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CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Rafael Bugiga returns a serve against Missouri Valley March 18. Bugiga and the Bearcats swept the Vikings 9-0.

Men’s tennis continues hot streak against NAIA

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The Northwest men’s tennis team extended its winning streak Monday after a dominating performance.

The 9-0 shellacking came against Missouri Valley College of the NAIA. The win is the fifth straight for the Bearcats and improves their overall record to 6-1.

“It was a pretty good match for us,” head coach Mark Rosewell said. “It is definitely a confidence booster when you can shut out any team, and that’s the second time this season we have been able to do that, so it’s definitely a good sign.”

Junior Lluís Altimires and freshman Sergio De Vilchez started the ‘Cats off with an 8-4 win at No. 1 doubles. Next, freshman Dylan Bernatzky and sophomore Jason Harris beat their Missouri Valley opponents in convincing fashion, 8-2.

In singles play, Harris continued to dominate the opposition with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Viking sophomore Jason Hadley. With the

win, Harris moved his spring record to 7-0.

The Bearcat women played Missouri Western March 20. Rosewell has not lost to the Griffons in his 28 years at Northwest.

“That’s a record I really hope I keep,” Rosewell said. “There’s not many people out there that can say they are undefeated against a team. Hopefully, we can take care of business and keep it going.”

Results of the match against Missouri Western were not available as of press time.

The women played East Central Oklahoma March 15 and came away with a 6-3 win.

“It was an important win for us,” Rosewell said. “Every win we get is important to our regional ranking.”

Northwest is fourth in the region behind Southwest Baptist, Northeastern State and Central Oklahoma.

The next match for the Bearcat men and women will be against Southern Indiana at 12 p.m. March 21 at an indoor facility in Red Oak, Iowa.

Rival Griffons sweep baseball

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The Northwest baseball team won four of its last six games heading into a doubleheader against a conference rival Tuesday.

After putting together two solid performances against Midland and Waldorf over the weekend that resulted in wins, the Bearcats’ luck quickly ran out at the hands of Missouri Western.

The Griffons entered the doubleheader on a 14-game winning streak, which head coach Darin Loe said the ‘Cats would have to combat aggressively.

“That’s obviously someplace we want to be, and I think we will get there,” Loe said. “It’s just a matter of getting on that roll, and we just haven’t hit our stride yet.”

Junior pitcher Blane Reutter got the nod on the mound in game No. 1 for the ‘Cats.

Reutter suffered an early exit after the first inning when he gave up five runs that came off six hits.

The Griffons’ bats stayed hot the rest of the game as the players put up another five runs over the next five innings.

Northwest mustered four runs, three of which came in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Unable to continue the late game rally, Northwest fell in the first game, 10-4.

Game No. 2 of the doubleheader featured the same theme as the first, and the Griffons were able to score runs in bunches en route to a 7-2 win over the Bearcats.

Junior pitcher Austin Warren started for Northwest, holding Missouri Western to one run through the first three innings.

The same could not be said about the fourth inning, when the ‘Cats and Warren gave up a total of five runs, spanning six hits.

Warren finished the day with eight strikeouts across six innings, one of the bright spots for a Northwest team that has struggled with consistent pitching thus far.

“Austin’s a guy that scatters hits,” Loe said. “He’s gonna give up hits, he’s a contact pitcher. He’s not gonna strike a lot of guys out. Sooner or



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Junior pitcher Tyler Barth throws his first pitch of Tuesday’s game against Missouri Western. The Bearcats dropped both games of the doubleheader.

later, he’s gonna get a groundball, and hopefully a groundball double play, and work himself outta an inning.”

“He’s got great stuff, unfortunately, just in that inning, they scored off more balls in that inning than his other five and found some holes as well.”

Sophomore first baseman Steve Garber scored the ‘Cats two runs in the game, getting two of the team’s eight total hits.

“They’re a good ball club, but I thought our guys really fought ‘em every inning, with the exception of the two big innings we gave up. We need to pressure a little bit more offensively and continue to get good pitching and defense, and we’ll be alright.”

The Bearcats (6-16, 4-13 MIAA) have a quick turnaround facing the Truman Bulldogs in a three-game series starting Saturday.

Game No. 1 starts at 2 p.m. Saturday at Kirksville.

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Balanced field makes for a mad March

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Print off your brackets, grab your pencils and bust out your best Dick Vitale impersonation because it's March Madness time babyyyy!

The center of the sports world is college basketball and the craziness that inevitably ensues in the NCAA Tournament.

Last year we saw a pair of No. 2 seeds go down in the first round as Missouri was upset by Norfolk State and mighty Duke fell to Lehigh of the Patriot League.

That had only happened twice in the tournament prior to last March.

There hasn't been a dominant team that stands out as a lock to make the Final Four this season. A dozen teams are capable of cutting down the nets.

And it's because of parity in college basketball. And parity is a beautiful thing.

It all comes down to catching fire at the right time.

So who will be this year's Butler?

My ingredients to a deep run in the tournament are good guard play and stout defense. And New Mexico has all the ingredients to make a Final Four run.

The Lobos have a balanced scoring attack and play stifling defense. Opponents are averaging 60.4 points per game while shooting 38 percent from the field. Their guard play is top-notch, led by Kendall Williams and Tony Snell.

They're my under-the-radar team, and I look for them to punch a ticket to Atlanta.

But after its past two tournament appearances, how can you pick against Butler?

They'll eventually run into a tough Miami team that has talent through the roof and loads of experience. I like Miami to make a run out of the East. Jim Larranaga has been there before with George Mason, and this Hurricane team is much more athletic.

But I can't see them slowing down Louisville, which has hit its stride with 10 straight victories.

The Cardinals have a legendary coach in Rick Pitino to make up for a slight lack of depth. Not to mention Russ Smith, who has the ability to take over games, which will guide the Big East champs to a national championship.

As good as Smith is, it will come down to the battle of the point guards in the championship. Shane Larkin and Peyton Siva are two of the niftiest floor generals in the country, and I love Miami's ability to score in the paint and from behind the arc with four legitimate three-point threats.

But Louisville can counteract Miami's ability to score at the rim with premier shot blocker Gorgui Deng, and hybrid forward Chane Behanan is a matchup nightmare.

Pitino's squad is playing its best basketball at the right time and is primed to raise the trophy in Atlanta April 8.

They're talented, deep, experienced, coached by a future Hall of Famer and obviously tested. What's not to like?

Now onto the absence of the Big Ten, arguably the best conference in America.

Once Big Ten teams match up with opponents that speed them up and take them out of their half-court game, it can spell trouble for any number of them, barring Michigan.

But with the parity in college basketball, anything can happen. And that's a beautiful thing.



Ben McCollum

Final Four:
Duke, Wisconsin, Georgetown, Miami

National Champion:
Duke

"(Duke) can go against anyone. It's hard to pick against Bill Self, though. McLemore is a shooter, not a go-get-it guy, so it's gonna be tough for (Kansas) to score down the stretch in games."



Ashleigh Nelson

Final Four:
Louisville, Ohio State, Kansas, Miami

National Champion:
Kansas

"I have Kansas winning 64-57 in the finals over Louisville. I think (Ben) McLemore or (Jeff) Withey both could win the (Most Outstanding Player) of the Tournament."



Grant Hageman

Final Four:
Duke, Ohio State, Florida, Syracuse

National Champion:
Duke

"I love Billy Donovan. I love ball screens. Florida runs a ball screen offense and I love to watch them play, so it's kind of a selfish pick for me. But I think they have a chance the way they shoot the ball."



Tyler Kenkel

Final Four:
Louisville, Ohio State, Georgetown, Miami

National Champion:
Miami

"(Miami) is really athletic. They can rebound. Shane Larkin and Kenny Kadji are really good. They swept the regular season and the tournament title."

Bearcat wrestling club finishes 3rd at national tourney

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Junior 141-pounder Travis Peter earned All-American status as the Northwest wrestling club took third place in the NCWA National Tournament in Allen, Texas.

Peter took seventh, the only Bearcat to place, but 165-pound junior Danny Apgar and 197-pound senior Blake Schoeninger helped guide the 'Cats with a combined record of 6-4.

First-year head coach Daniel

Jennings said the team was disappointed it was unable to come away with a first-place finish, but it was still an accomplished season.

"We had a talk, and we all agreed that we were successful and pleased overall with our performance," Jennings said.

"These guys know what it takes to be competitive at this level."

Peter was a win away from placing last year, propelling Northwest to second place fol-

lowing its national championship season in 2011.

"Anytime you get on that podium at nationals, it's definitely a big deal," Jennings said. "It's a goal to set to improve on for next year."

The next step is a championship, Peter said.

"I know what I have to do, being there, knowing the competition, and knowing how well I have to wrestle," Peter said.

Northwest will lose Schoeninger, the first four-year national qualifier in Northwest

history.

The Bearcats will return a majority of its squad, and the experience of making it to nationals will be helpful to a young Bearcat roster, Peter said.

"Just making it there shows you what you can expect future years down the line," Peter said. "I know after my first year, I knew what it took to become an All-American. It's exciting having those guys come back and, hopefully, being able to get another team title."

Women's golf looks ahead to Missouri Western



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Sophomore Steph Charteris follows through on a drive at practice at Mozingo Golf Course.

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Northwest women's golf returns its stroke average leader as it prepares for a tough test in its second spring tournament.

Junior Cassie Lowell has been released to play after a knee injury sidelined her for the second day of the Early Bird Invitational in Branson March 11 and 12.

Lowell will join her teammates March 24 and 25 at the Missouri Western Invitational in St. Joseph.

All of the top golfers in the region will compete to get a feel for the course at St. Joseph Country Club, since they are hosting the regional tournament, making for a highly competitive tournament, head coach Pat McLaughlin said.

"It'll be a good test for us to see how we stack up with the other teams in the region, and a real important tournament for us, since the committee uses head-on-head competition as part of the determination for

"...so we just need to get up there as much as we can this week and practice...and get that feel back and kick some butt."

Kristina D'Angela

who qualifies for the regional tournament," McLaughlin said. "Every school there is from our region, so if we do well, that could be a real big step for us. If we don't do well, then it could be a real big problem for us."

Northwest is coming off a second-place finish in Branson, led by a first-place finish from sophomore Steph Charteris, who shot a 77 on the second day. Junior Kristina D'Angela took fourth place, and sophomore Taylor Gard finished in ninth.

D'Angela said the experience of already playing the course will benefit the Bearcats.

"We did play there last year, so we may have a little bit of an advantage over other teams who haven't played there," D'Angela said. "We kind of have an idea of the course, so we just need to get up there as much as we can this week and practice... and get that feel back and kick some butt."

The 'Cats took second last year in the 10-team tournament behind a second-place finish from Charteris, who shot a 159, four off the leader. Lowell finished in ninth with a two-day score of 167.

McLaughlin said the tournament is additionally important from a confidence standpoint.

"Confidence is a lot of golf... and if we can get some good confidence coming out of the Missouri Western Invitational, in the past, we've been able to

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